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TO: District/Field Engineers
District Construction Engineers
Resident/Project Engineers

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Engineer of Construction

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM 1993-13

The Department has received permission from FHWA to extend the Two Year Project Record Certification Program to Local Government Engineers. The objectives of extending the program include reducing the duplication of reviewing the same items of work on like projects, reducing review time, and expediting final estimates in a more timely manner.

The Two Year Project Record Certification Program for Local Government Engineers will begin May 3, 1993. The requirements for the certification program will be those stated in G. J. Casey's letter dated December 3, 1985 (attached). To derive full benefit from the certification program, District Field Engineers are requested to have as many Local Government Engineers certified as practicable.

The Local Government Engineers are to be certified and not the Local Government Agency. To be certified, the Local Government Engineer must be a licensed registered engineer in charge of the project, but material testing by consultants is permitted on projects.

A recent survey of Field Engineers shows that only 60 percent of the Local Government Agencies are presently capable of being certified. This is because of turnover in key personnel, limited manpower, and inexperience in administering federally funded programs. Therefore, Field Engineers and staff will have to continue training the Local Government Agencies in inspection and documentation, communicate federal and state requirements, and use infinite judgement in reviewing projects.

Resident Engineers are requested to give a copy of this memorandum to the Local Government Engineers under their jurisdiction.

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